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HARRY IS BACK ON TRACK

Rail campaigner Harry Farrow delivered his petition to 10 Downing Street back in August, but between them the Department for Transport and the PM's office managed to lose it. Yoursware reporter Jill Hurst made a few calls and tracked down the 10,000-name document, meaning Harry can collect the remaining 2,000 names he needs to trigger a full Kent County Council debate.

EXCLUSIVE

■ BY YOURSWALE REPORTER

A RAIL campaigner from Sittingbourne has spoken of his delight after Yoursware tracked down his lost 10,000-name petition.

Harry Farrow spent 18 months drumming-up support for his free rail travel campaign for the over-60s – finally delivering his petition to 10 Downing Street, in August this year.

However, the retired painter and decorator was left “gutted” after bungling Government officials misplaced the box containing his campaign sheets.

Despite the best efforts of a raft of officials, including MP Gordon Henderson, the whereabouts of Mr Farrow's petition remained a mystery for more than three months – until reporter Jill Hurst got on the case – tracking it down to an obscure department at the Ministry of Transport.

Hearing the news Mr Farrow said: “I'm absolutely delighted to hear Yoursware has tracked down my petition. I was gutted to hear it had been lost. This is fantastic news. Yoursware is the best. I can't thank you enough.”

Locating the petition means Mr Farrow is well on his way to getting his campaign debated by the full council, in chambers, at Kent County Council.

On hearing the news, Mr Henderson said: “I don't know how Jill did it, but well done to her. We have been pressing the DfT almost on a daily basis for the return of the petition and

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Cuts may even add to cost of burying a child

EXCLUSIVE

■ BY JILL HURST

CASH-strapped Swale council says things have got so bad it may have to charge for child burials and the collection of clinical waste.

Council leader Andrew Bowles said there was no room for sentiment as the organisation braced itself for the biggest financial challenge in its history.

Speaking exclusively to Yoursware, Councillor Bowles said: "It's a very emotive subject but we have to look at every penny we spend. It's not about being petty, things are likely to get tougher to the point they are almost impossible."

Children under the age of 12 are currently buried free of charge in Swale. However, in future this could soar to as much as £177.

If the authority decides to charge for the collection of clinical waste – including used needles – it would be the first authority, nationally, to do so.

Councillor Bowles added: "We have to ask do we pay for services used by a small minority or do we charge those who use the service?"

The news comes as council managers struggle to find additional revenue through fees and charges.

A raft of proposals will go before



EMOTIVE SUBJECT: The burial of children under the age of 12 is currently free

the executive committee this evening (December 8) including an increasing in the cost of wheelie bins – a 360 litre bin is set to cost 14 per cent more at £56 while the cost of a 1,100 litre bin is set to rise to £395.

Additionally, car parking fees could increase by 14 per cent; food export certificates by 20 per cent and requests for planning or environmental information could climb to as much as £56 for thirty minutes of advice.

Swale council needs to save £5 million over the next three years. Precies details of the savings required for the next financial year will not be released until central Government has announced what the revenue support grant will be.

To find out more visit www.swale.gov.uk.

Boost in bid for fare deal for over 60s

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

were told they couldn't find it. I am delighted the petition will now be returned to Harry and that he will be able to present it to Kent County Council.

"Being in receipt of the petition will add much more weight to his case when members consider whether or not to support his campaign."

"I very much hope KCC will agree to work with Southeastern Railways to introduce a reasonably priced concessionary rail fare system for the over-60s."

Mike Whiting, KCC councillor for Swale central, added: "Well done to Yoursware in tracking down the petition. It seemed to have been lost for good – somewhere between Downing Street and the Department for Transport – but the power of the Press seems to have prevailed."

Debate

"This is great news for Harry's campaign and a boost to his effort to put his proposals to the full council at Kent County Council in a special debate."

The return of Mr Farrow's petition means he needs just 2,000 more signatures and he can request the entire council at KCC to debate his campaign.

KCC spokesman David Hall said while current austerity measures ruled out any immediate option of rail free travel, a meeting of the full council could discuss the council's commitment to a concessionary fare system for the future.

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VANDALS who smashed the windows of two parked cars in Doddington are being hunted by police.

An appeal for information was launched after a black Vauxhall Astra was seen driving away from The Street, towards Lenham, shortly after the vehicles were damaged on Thursday, December 2, at 3am.

An estimated £200 of damage was caused to a silver Land Rover Discovery when its nearside front window was broken.

A passenger side window of a silver Peugeot Partner Combi was also broken, causing an estimated £100 damage.

Anyone who saw the Astra or anyone acting suspiciously in the village that night is asked to contact Sittingbourne police station on 01795 419182, or call Kent Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111, quoting crime numbers CY/19140/10 or CY/19137/10.

For more news, advice and information from Kent Police, visit www.kent.police.uk.

Illegal immigrants hid in kiwi fruit delivery

A LORRY load of illegal immigrants has been found stowed away in a kiwi fruit delivery bound for Sittingbourne.

Using state of the art heartbeat technology ten Afghans and three Iranians were discovered in Calais just just before they entered the Channel Tunnel.

The stowaways were handed over to the French border police. The Bulgarian driver and the Polish haulage company now each face a fine of up to £26,000.

Carole Upshall, spokesperson for the UK Border Agency, said: "This incident shows why we base UK Border Agency staff in France – to stop would-be illegal immigrants before they reach the UK."

"As well as using heartbeat detectors, officers also use sniffer dogs and carbon dioxide probes to find people hiding in vehicles."

Last year, the UK Border Agency stopped more than 29,000 individual attempts to cross the Channel illegally and searched over one million freight vehicles.

Record nominees in race for sports prize

AN ANNUAL Swale sports competition has received a record number of nominations.

The active Swale sports awards are designed to recognise and celebrate the breadth of talent across the district.

Three finalists have been short-listed by the judging panel in each of the seven categories including coach of the year and unsung hero.

The winners will be announced at a glittering prize ceremony next Wednesday at 7pm.

Last year's winner, Stephen Brown from Sittingbourne, is part of the Great Britain wheelchair rugby squad.

Councillor Bryan Mulhern, Swale council's executive portfolio holder for culture, said "These awards show the tremendous appetite that exists in Swale for participation in sport."

"It is therefore fantastic that we help to recognise those individuals who excel, those who give their time so generously to help others, and those who perform so well as a team and achieve so much together."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Our MP's the biggest claimant in the region

Six-month expenses bill soars to over £13,000

EXCLUSIVE

BY JILL HURST

MP for Sittingbourne and Sheppey Gordon Henderson has defended his expenses claim – the highest of all MPs in the South East.

The Tory MP hit back after being branded a hypocrite for claiming £13,630 over six months.

Mr Henderson said the majority of costs were incurred while setting up a constituency office, and after declining to claim for many expenses he had been left out of pocket.

Mr Henderson said: "The bulk of the claims relate to the cost of setting up and running my constituency office, including stationery. The only other items relate to travelling to Westminster and undertaking official business travel within my constituency.

"There are a range of expenses to which I am entitled that I do not claim, including overnight accommodation in London, meals when the House sits after 7pm, entertaining constituents when they visit Parliament and incidentals used in my constituency office such as cleaning materials and toilet rolls – I pay for all these out of my own pocket."

Details of Mr Henderson's expense claims were published by the Independent Parliamen-



HIGH EXPENSES BILL: MP Gordon Henderson

tary Standards Authority (IPSA).

Constituent Brian Collins, of Chilham Close, Sheerness, accused Mr Henderson of double standards.

He said: "He was very critical when the news broke out about Labour MP's expense

Gordon Henderson's expenses

Constituency office	£4,342.58
General administration	£3,515.90
Pooled services/staff	£3,877.50
Travel	£1,894.30
Total	£13,630.28

claims, particularly of Derek Wyatt. He said if he was elected that he would not put in for excessive claims.

"I find it very hypocritical that in just six months he has claimed a massive £13,600. I am sure a lot of voters will not be happy with this."

However, Mr Henderson said he expected the total claims by other MPs to rise as they got to grips with the complicated IPSA system.

He also pointed out that many MPs in the South-East had offices based at Westminster and were awarded a £7,000 travel allowance – making it unfair to compare like with like.

See www.parliamentarystandards.org.uk or contact Gordon Henderson's constituency office on 01795 423199 for more details about the MP's claims.

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Empty pint glass thrown at man

A BRAWL on the Isle of Sheppey saw one man glassed and another punched in the face.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the fight at Merlins in Leysdown Road, Leysdown, on Saturday, November 27.

Police were called to Merlins at 12.45am after a 17-year-old man was head-butted and had an empty pint glass thrown at his head. He suffered a cut and swelling above his left eye.

An 18-year-old male was punched twice in the face.

Police are looking for two men. Both were white, of stocky build and clean-shaven. One was aged 20-24, was 5ft 9in tall, had black spiky hair and was wearing a black jumper and light-coloured jeans. The other was aged about 25, 5ft 10in tall, had black gelled hair and was wearing a grey jumper and blue jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to call 01795 419182 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 quoting CY/18876/10 or CY/18870/10.

Cat food stolen

A RASTAFARIAN told magistrates he spent benefits money on "weed and beers" after he appeared in court charged with stealing cat food.

Fairchild McIntyre, 42, was charged with stealing from a Co-op in Sheerness.

Dreadlocked McIntyre, from Church Terrace, Sheerness, admitted theft but said it was all a misunderstanding.

He said staff wouldn't serve beer to a 21-year-old friend, and when McIntyre offered to pay the shop assistants wouldn't let him. After a row they took the beer anyway. In a separate incident he was stopped for taking cat food, which he subsequently paid for.

McIntyre was given a conditional discharge for six months and paid £8.01 compensation for the beer on the spot.

Football fan to stay in jail

GARRY Mann will not be released from a Portuguese jail in time for Christmas.

His appeal for a state pardon has been rejected by state legislators.

The 52-year-old's family, including partner Suzanne Lloyd-Baker and his six daughters, has been left devastated by the news.

Ms Baker, a mental health nurse, had hoped Mr Mann would serve the remainder of his two-year sentence in a British prison.

The ex-firefighter was jailed for his part in violence during the 2004 Euro football championships in the Algarve. Mr Mann has always maintained his innocence, saying he was convicted by a 'kangaroo court' in a language he did not understand.

He was extradited to Portugal following a lengthy extradition process under the new European arrest warrant system.

Portuguese prosecutors were unhappy he was never forced to serve his sentence following his prosecution in 2004. Mr Mann has now spent seven months behind bars in Lisbon. Before his extradition he told yoursware he had lost faith in the British justice system and was resigned to serving the two year sentence.

Mr Mann is reported to have his own cell and television in prison. Suzanne is understood to have visited him twice.

Water pistol woman jailed after yelling abuse at 'skagheads'

DRUNK Naomi Butcher is behind bars after she broke an ASBO instructing her to keep the peace, for swearing at drug dealers.

The following night the 27-year-old from French Close, Faversham, was arrested after threatening staff at an old people's home with a kitchen knife.

She admitted breaking the order, imposed in August last year, possessing a knife in a public place, and public order offences and was jailed for 130 days.

Butcher asked for a racially aggravated assault charge committed in Whitstable High Street to be taken into consideration at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court.

James Nichols, prosecuting, said a Police Community Support Officer saw Butcher swearing at drug dealers outside her home in August calling them f---ing skagheads and telling them to leave immediately.

Other officers were called and Butcher was arrested as she tried to leave the scene.

The following day staff leaving

Osbourne Court, Faversham, were confronted by Butcher and another woman in their car park.

Mr Nichols said: "She told them she had a knife and was prepared to use it. It was at this point she produced a knife with a four inch blade from her shorts and called a member of staff a 'fat slag'. Then she started walking towards them clearly drunk."

In the incident in Whitstable High Street Butcher was the passenger in a car and was squirting people with a water pistol as it drove down the road.

She squirted an Asian woman cyclist who she then punched and kicked while high on drugs.

Chairman of the bench Colin Drake told a sobbing Butcher: "Your past record and your failure to comply with court orders mean we must send you to prison because of the seriousness of the offences and the risk to the public."

Geoff Playford, defending, said although she was in breach of her ASBO she was trying to get the drug dealers away from outside her home.

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Care order rise could lift threat to town's court

EXCLUSIVE

BY JILL HURST

SOCIAL services are applying for so many care orders that closing Sittingbourne Magistrates could push the court system to collapse, lawyers have warned.

Jonathan Hadlow, practice manager at DFD solicitors in Sittingbourne, says the number of family court hearings is rising at such a rate there is already a critical backlog.

He said: "There has been a significant increase in care orders since the Baby P case. Whether this is because cases were not previously picked up or social services are more under the spotlight is impossible to say.

"However, this increase, together with the merger of three courts into one combined court at Chatham, has caused serious problems. It means there is already a lack of family courts. If Sittingbourne court is closed, we are heading for trouble."

Family courts are used for a variety of purposes, including custody hearings and separation agreements. However, social services also use them to apply to the courts for permission to place a child into care, and the rise in this type of order has caused a backlog.

The news follows the launch of an urgent review of 7,000 child protection cases after Kent County Council's (KCC) services were found to be inadequate by Ofsted.

The findings are embarrassing for the authority, particularly as they follow a nationwide review of child protection services following the Baby P case.



FACING CLOSURE: Sittingbourne Magistrates Court

Peter was a 17-month old boy who died in London after suffering more than 50 injuries over an eight-month period, during which he was repeatedly seen by Haringey Children's services and NHS health professionals.

The review, by KCC, will be audited by district managers by December 23.

It is among a series of measures put in place since Ofsted carried out its unannounced inspection in August. The authority has also been warned social workers' case loads should not exceed 30 each. Inspectors also criticised the management and education of looked-after children.

KCC issued a public apology on November 19. Council leader Paul Carter has promised a substantial improvement before Ofsted's follow-up inspection in 12 months' time.

Sittingbourne Court is among 103 in England and Wales earmarked for closures in a proposal from the Ministry of Justice designed to save costs.

The Ministry of Justice is expected to reveal the results of a consultation shortly

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Wardens' litter appeal

SWALE street wardens have appealed to the public to stop dumping rubbish, after they spent hours cleaning up in Sheerness.

Letters have been delivered to homeowners throughout the region asking them to do their bit and take pride in where they live.

Jonathan Longley, street scene officer for Swale council, said: "While the council holds the responsibility for cleaning our streets and alleyways, we are asking our communities to help maintain their cleanliness."

"By taking responsibility for disposing of rubbish and litter appropriately, residents can assist in the long-term prosperity of their area."

Alister Andrews, environmental response team manager for Swale council added: "Instances of fly-tipping in Marine Town have significantly decreased recently, so we would really like to thank all the residents for their hard work."

Father Christmas to visit

FATHER Christmas will make a whistle stop tour of Sheppey over the next few days to help the Island's Rotary Club with its Christmas collection for local charities.

He will be in Richmond Street, Jefferson Road, Alma Street, James Street, Clyde Street and Unity Street today.

He will be in Ranelagh Road, Meyrick Road, Newcomen Road, Alma Road, Berridge Road, Invicta Road and Alexandra Road on Friday, and on Monday, he will be back to Maple Street, Vincent Gardens, Victoria Street, First Avenue and St Agnes Gardens.

Next Wednesday, he will be in Queenborough. Look out for his sleigh between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

Pupils join war on graffiti

SCHOOL children rolled up their sleeves to help the council clean graffiti off the streets.

Six academy children joined teacher, Paul Murray, to rid Jefferson Road of the artwork.

Swale council's street wardens joined them, using a high-pressure washer.

Alister Andrews, environmental response team manager for Swale council, said: "We are delighted that youngsters are so keen to get involved."

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DINNER GUESTS: SSCA president Ken Ingleton, Louise Henderson, deputy chairman of the Conservative party Michael Fallon MP, Professor Ron Denney, chairman of the SSCA, and Gordon Henderson MP

Deputy chairman guest at Tory dinner

DEPUTY chairman of the Conservative party, Michael Fallon MP, joined Sittingbourne and Sheppey Conservative Association (SSCA) members at their annual dinner on Friday, November 26.

More than 50 local members, including association chairman Professor Ron Denney and MP Gordon Henderson attended the event at Upchurch River Valley Golf Club.

Michael Fallon MP was appointed

deputy chairman of the Conservative party in September 2010. He congratulated Gordon Henderson on winning his seat.

Prof Ron Denney, SSCA chairman, said, "It was a great evening and we were grateful to Michael Fallon for answering members' questions."

MP Gordon Henderson said: "Louise and I had a wonderful evening, and were grateful to so many people who braved the cold weather to hear Michael speak."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

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Q You are a KCC councillor – tell us a bit about that.

A There are 84 elected members at KCC. Each represents an area called a Division. Since I was elected in 2009, I have been proud to represent the Division called Swale Central; which includes Lower Halstow, Iwade, Kemsley, Milton Regis, Tunstall and Sittingbourne. It's main functions include social services, education, transport, roads, waste disposal and planning, and is involved in many other ways to try to improve the lives of Kent residents.

Q How did you get involved in politics and what motivates you to keep going?

A As a youngster I joined Sheppey Young Conservatives, helping out Roger Moate, our MP at the time. I was Swale council's youngest member when elected in 1987. What keeps me going? The hope I'm making a difference. I was lucky enough to work in the media, meeting people every day. Being a councillor can be a little like that; meeting people, hearing their concerns and trying to help.

Q Why did you opt for the Conservative Party – what attracts you to it?

A All political parties have members with a range of views from left to right. On balance, the conservative party has more in common with my values than other parties. When I joined in the 1980s it was about allowing people to buy their council houses and reducing the

power of the trade unions. As a union member myself at that time, caught up in endless strikes, I could see the damage being done. I share the conservative view that improving society isn't always about spending money, it's often about changing the ways we do things and challenging old values – and that can be controversial.

Q You sit on a number of committees including transport – tell us a bit about that?

A KCC's Cabinet makes most decisions, and backbenchers, like me, sit on committees called POSCs that examine proposals and question cabinet members. We also call in issues of concern, policies or decisions we are not happy about. I sit on two POSC; Environment, Highways, and Waste, and Children, Families and Education.

I also sit on the Regulations Committee that looks after planning enforcement, village greens and public footpaths. Last month, I was appointed to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee which oversees the work of the Cabinet.

Q Public transport in Swale, especially the rail network is poor, what are you and KCC doing to improve this?

A Good public transport in Swale is vital to our future growth. For many, it's buses that provide the only route to work or shops. KCC spends millions subsidising unprofitable bus routes, and introduced the Freedom Pass. I've spent some of my Members Highway Fund on a minibus service into Sittingbourne to replace

the Wormshill Post Bus. I have pushed to get KCC's commitment to fight for better rail services. Trains in Swale are controlled by a franchise written by government and operated by Southeastern. KCC is talking to all parties to produce a Kent Rail Action Plan that will be discussed at a Kent Rail Summit in April and presented to government.

Q How long will this take, when can people expect to see an improvement?

A The franchise covering Swale ends in 2012. However, despite the dreadful experience of passengers in last week's snow, it's likely to be extended to 2014 because Southeastern is meeting targets set by the previous government.

Q If Southeastern loses its franchise what will happen, what are the options?

A It will be awarded to another train company.

Q What can commuters do to get more involved in the process and have a voice?

A Join a rail-user group, found online, and pull together views of passengers. Put specific complaints in writing to Southeastern to ensure they're formally recorded. Information about complaining is at Direct.gov.uk. If you've got suggestions send them to me at County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XX, or email mike.whiting@kent.gov.uk. I'll feed them to the team preparing the Rail Action Plan.

Q & A

Jill Hurst talks to Kent County councillor **Mike Whiting** about why, despite widespread commuter dissatisfaction especially during the bad weather, we're probably left stuck with Southeastern trains

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Heath's story

UNTIL a few years ago Heath, 37, was a married father of two young children.

He owned his house and ran his own roofing company. However, after developing a serious alcohol problem he lost the lot and suffered a mental breakdown.

At his worst he was living rough in an orchard and foraging in bins for food. Heath arrived at The Quays in 2009.

Intelligent, articulate and well turned out, Heath said: "I had a serious alcohol problem and had reached rock bottom. I had it all and lost the lot. There's no one to blame but myself.

"At the end of a particularly bad bender I just sat and thought there must be more to life than this. The Quays has helped to change all that.

"I've had counselling for a year and my whole outlook has changed. I've always had nice things and I'll have nice things again but it's not the priority. If you take up every opportunity there is on offer here you can patch yourself up and start to mend but you have to start to mend yourself."

Heath has made such progress he is now an integral part of community life at The Quays. He has used his building skills to undertake desperately needed maintenance work at the centre and built an impressive fish pond.

He also sits on the tenant's panel and has become a trusted ear for both residents and staff.

SPECIAL REPORT

■ BY JILL HURST

WALKING into The Quays in Sittingbourne reminds me a little of a university halls of residence.

With its pastel coloured walls, modern décor and furnishings, it's a warm and friendly place and I feel instantly at home. The large common room is clean and tidy with a plasma television providing a centrepiece – surrounded by a set of huge comfortable sofas.

There's no bad smell. No stains on the carpet. No empty beer cans lying around and not a cardboard box in sight. So unless I'd known differently I would never have guessed I was in a homeless refuge.

The Quays has long been perceived as a bit of a doss house – a place for down and outs, junkies and drunks to pitch up.

Donna Lee, the centre manager, tells me shortly after she arrived in August 2007 there was an armed siege, and trouble, drugs and the police were never far from the door.

So what has changed? A lot it would seem. First, The Quays is no longer a drop in centre. It's now a vibrant and critical resource – a home, social club, hospital, school; friend and family all rolled into one.

Second, it's run by a highly skilled and hugely dedicated team of staff.

Third, it's full of people like you and I. People whose lives have been turned upside down by divorce, a failed business, addiction or bereavement. People who are trying to put themselves back together.

"Homelessness isn't a full stop in someone's



TRANSFORMATION: In the past the dining area looked more like a prison than a place to make a fresh start. Donna Lee, top opposite, manages The Quays, which now has a computer room and more comfortable living accommodation

life," Donna tells me.

"It's just a comma. It can happen to anyone at anytime and it doesn't discriminate."

There are 20 flats at The Quays and 64 rooms – all with modern facilities providing a roof for people aged between 18 and 64. For those over 64 there is sheltered accommodation in Faversham.

On arrival, each resident is allocated a key

worker and has access to a raft of support services including counsellors, addiction workers, health visitors, benefit advisors, careers advisors and job centre workers. The centre recently teamed up with Canterbury Christchurch College, which donated 15 computers and now provides literacy, numeracy and computing courses to the residents.

It's clear part of the turnaround is down to



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Craig's story

AT EIGHTEEN, this young man has had so many knocks you'd forgive him for being a surly and angry teenager.

However, Craig is warm, open and charming and happily shares his story, including his ambitions for a better future.

Brought up in a series of care homes Craig found himself homeless when he left the care system to move in with his ex-partner. The relationship quickly fell apart and he found himself without a home.

After sofa surfing for a period of time The Quays offered him a room.

"If I wasn't here I'd be on the streets. The people in here aren't bad people. I want to get on and settle down like everyone else," he told me emphatically.

Craig has taken advantage of the education on offer at the The Quays, including literacy and numeracy courses. A passionate chef, he has his sights on running his own restaurant.



the regime. The Quays is no soft option. Residents are expected to put in as much as they take out and there is a zero tolerance on antisocial behaviour, drugs and violence.

"This is no doss house," Donna tells me emphatically. It couldn't be further from the truth. We are very strict on drink and drugs. Any hint and people are out the door."

So serious are they, sniffer dogs regularly

come in to hunt for drugs and staff work closely with the police, probation and prison service – proactively dealing with problems head on before they have chance to take hold.

"We expect people to give something back," adds Donna.

"Particularly with the younger people, we try to instil a sense of social responsibility."

The population at The Quays is made up from all walks of life. Today its inhabitants include 24 young people, a number of physically disabled people and one blind resident.

On arrival, residents generally go into shared accommodation, where they have a good sized, furnished room to themselves, and access to a shared kitchen and bathroom.

As they progress a purpose built block of flats provides them with the opportunity to take up a tenancy and adapt to independent living before moving into the community.

"People will stay here for between six months and two years," said Donna. "The aim is for them to be ready before they leave so they are prepared. If they can't cope here they won't cope on the outside and they'll end up homeless again."

As part of their stay residents are supported in mastering basic life skills: paying bills, shopping on a budget and cooking a simple meal. As time goes on they are encouraged to set-up a bottom draw – obtaining the essentials to start their own home.

Funding the project is a continual struggle. The centre relies heavily on its own fund-raising and charitable donations. It's warming to hear many of the local schoolchildren have taken the centre to their hearts.

Donna tells me Fulston Manor recently raised hundreds of pounds, while Highsted Grammar pupils made the centre the focus of

Roger's story

AT 43, Roger has been homeless on and off for much of his adult life.

He first came to The Quays in 1985 when it was still an Army barracks. Roger is what the professionals describe as "transient" – someone who is unable to adapt to normal life and continues to end up on the streets.

"You had to get here by 8pm and queue up for a room and if you didn't get here on time you'd be on the street," Roger tells me as he recalls what the centre used to be like.

"You got one pillow, one blanket and one sheet and you slept on the floor."

"There was a soup canteen where you could be fed but there was a lot of violence. It wasn't very nice."

"It's more like a home now, there's no trouble at the door and the staff are very nice and want to help you."

their harvest festival work.

"We can use almost anything," Donna says. "The churches were brilliant during harvest festival. The food we received goes into an emergency supply, so no-one goes hungry."

With many people arriving with just the clothes on their back nothing of use is ever turned away.

Donna is right. Homelessness isn't a full-stop in someone's life, it's just a comma.

• If you would like to visit or support The Quays in Sittingbourne contact Donna Lee on 07726 900780.

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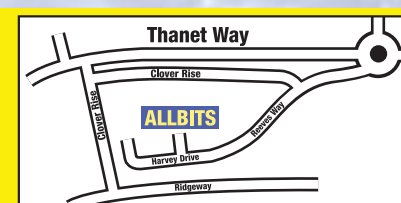
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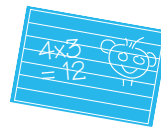
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BREAK TIME

Victorian day trip



FANCY DRESS: Maid and sweep at museum

PUPILS from the Isle of Sheppey travelled through time to a Victorian festival.

Youngsters from Elliott Park School, Minster, dressed as chimney sweeps and chambermaids during their visit to a Dover museum.

They joined more than 300 children from across the county for the return of the popular event at Dover town hall. Visitors were invited to don period costume and take part in activities including a drama workshop on life as a Victorian child.

Pupils also had the opportunity to make masks and clay tiles, draw artefacts, and have their hair styled and faces made up in keeping with the times. The day was rounded off with Victorian songs.

The goal-den girls

FULSTON Manor girls finished in third place in the Kent county schools football tournament.

The year eight pupils battled to the semi-finals before being beaten by St Simon Stock Catholic School, Maidstone.

However, Fulston Manor refused to lie down, beating Wilmington Grammar 2-0 in the third place play-off.

Frightfully long wait ends for Halloween art winners

■ BY JILL HURST

EAGER primary school children finally know who won a Halloween arts competition.

It's taken almost a month for judges to trawl through the artwork after receiving more than 200 entries from Sittingbourne youngsters.

Pupils were each given a postcard with a line drawing of a pumpkin and asked to decorate it with their own design in the competition, organised by Swale council and supported by Sittingbourne Retail Association.

The best three designs were by Max Shell, six, from Murston Infant School; Sophie Hines, ten, from Murston Junior; and Harrison Wyatt, six, from Westlands Primary.

Each won a £10 book token from Sittingbourne High Street shop Nickel Books.

The overall winning school, Westlands Primary, was presented with a £100 voucher to spend at Nickel Books. Murston Infant and Junior schools each received a £50 voucher.

Jill Read, Swale's regeneration project officer, said: "Retailers in the town were keen to support an initiative that would involve local schools and brighten up the High Street.

"It didn't matter what colours pupils chose or how they decorated the pumpkins. We were looking for something bright and cheery.

"All the postcards were beautifully decorated and I'm sure anyone who saw the display over the Halloween weekend would agree the children made a brilliant effort. I'd like to say well done to everyone who entered."

Cllr John Wright, executive portfolio holder



BOOK TOKENS: Pumpkin colouring competition winners Harrison, Max and Sophie with Jill Read

for regeneration, said: "We have regularly consulted with retailers to make sure we use Communities and Local Government funding for projects that benefit the town and community. This competition involved an independent book shop, three local schools and occupied one of our vacant properties.

"Key to bringing vibrancy back into our high

streets is the support of local businesses and this project has proved a good example of how the funding has enabled us to organise events that draw people into the town.

"I was very impressed with the entries and congratulate all the children who participated, particularly Max, Sophie and Harrison for their winning efforts."

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A FESTIVE tale for children, The Mouse Who Saved Christmas, will be playing at the Brook Theatre, Chatham.

Ideal for young children, the play is a bite-size 50 minutes and features audience participation and multi-sensory sets.

Visit www.brookchristmas.com to book tickets which are £6.50 each.

Dance the night away

A WILD salsa party takes place at the Stanley Ballroom, St George Hotel, Chatham, on December 19.

Get your dancing shoes on to join in at the event, which has a 300 capacity.

It lasts from 6pm to midnight.

Tickets are £17.50 if booked before December 16 or £20 on the door.

Visit www.salsawild.co.uk or call 07704 924925 to book.

Burn off all the treats

AN invigorating walk to burn some Christmas calories takes place at Shorne Country Park on Boxing Day.

The walk runs from 11am to 1pm, and takes in four to five miles and a pub stop off. Booking is required on 01474 823 800.

A fee of £3.50 is charged by the wardens guiding the walk.

Come and meet Santa

VISIT Santa Claus in his grotto at Nottcutts garden centre in Maidstone, from Monday to Friday, 2pm to 5pm, and Saturdays and Sundays, 11am to 5pm.

For £7.99 children can meet him up until December 24.

Each ticket includes a gift, but be sure to tell him what you want for Christmas.

For more information please contact the Bearsted branch on 01622 739944

Festive fun for the kids

A SERIES of seasonal drama workshops for young people aged five to 14 will be held at Kings Theatre in Chatham.

Themes will include Hannah Montana, Star Wars, Harry Potter, Doctor Who and Peter Pan. They are held by Spotlites.

Visit at www.spotlites.co.uk, for full dates and times.

The workshops cost £5 each. Call 01634 403737 for more information.

Grab a unique present

THE Contemporary Art Craft and Design continues in Maidstone until January.

Being held at the Graham Clark Gallery in the Hazlitt Arts Centre in the town, the exhibition has all kinds of gifts from some of the area's top designers.

The exhibition could make an ideal stopping point on your rounds to collect some unique presents. It's open from 10am to 6pm daily, until January 1.

Concert for good cause

A CHARITY Christmas concert from Stargazers will feature performers Zoe Malloy, Matt Rees, Chris Wimbhurst, and many more, on December 9.

It takes place at St Lukes Avenue, Maidstone, and will feature a variety of seasonal songs and entertainment in aid of the Cardiac Rick charity. Admission is £4 and the fun starts at 7.30pm.

There is nothing like a panto dame

**JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**

Various dates

The Orchard Theatre, Dartford



NIGEL Ellacott is a true panto professional in every sense of the word.

Not only does he write scripts for the institutional shows, he runs a website about them as well as stars in them every year. It's fair to say he is pantomime royalty.

A veteran of 37 pantomimes, it's hard to meet someone who personifies the role of dame like he does.

He said: "People call me a veteran but it's not fair, it makes me sound old, like the British Museum. Still I never get bored of it. This is what we do for a living and I'm lucky to be able to have so much fun each year. I always look forward to it."

Nigel will be Jack's mother in this year's big Christmas spectacular at The Orchard Theatre, Jack and the Beanstalk. He is treading the boards with TV star Bobby Davro, who plays Jack, the hero of the show and also starring the Churchill dog, from the car insurance adverts.

"The rehearsals have gone really well and now we are just eager to get on stage and perform," he said.

"Pantomime for me is full of electricity and excitement. If you want to encapsulate the whole thing in a nutshell, you have to talk about energy and making the audience believe that what you're saying is the first time you have ever said it, even though it may be the 60th.

"You have to do that as it's what children expect and you cannot fool them, they pick up on it if you are not giving it your all. They soon know if you are not 100 per cent, children are very astute and often the toughest critics."

Nigel has a huge 14 outfit changes to complete during each show, more than he has ever had.

He said: "I seem to have many more outfits than last year, usually I only have nine of ten. They are fabulous creations though. The best one is the Lady GaGa-inspired one."

The role of Dame is seen as the role of the comic, but Nigel says it is usually a key role in most pantomimes.

He said: "As the Dame, you are often responsible for moving the plot on. That's the case in this one and I'm involved in most key parts."

"I don't tend to improvise much. I stick to the script and give it my all. I expect Bobby will be adding new material to the show, however."

This year's Orchard pantomime promises to have the largest beanstalk in Kent, and includes many different elements.

Nigel said: "There are certain circus elements to the show this time. That's been a joy to watch while we have been rehearsing and has interested me to watch it all take shape. You'll all have to come along and watch to see how it's incorporated, though."

"I really do think this is one of, if not the best, pantomime I've been in."

• Tickets to Jack and the Beanstalk cost £18 to £25.50 each. Call the Orchard box office on 01322 220000 to book or visit www.orchardtheatre.co.uk for full details.



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The night will follow a loose festive theme, with a blend of seasonal swing, cheeky Latin grooves and a smattering of cosy fireside ballads to add a little romance.

Clare Teal and her exceptional band invite you to a fabulous 1950s themed cocktail party of sounds and songs, made famous by the likes of Peggy Lee, Doris Day, Bing Crosby, Nat King Cole and Ella Fitzgerald, all delivered with her inimitable style and

flair, plus a huge dollop of down-to-earth charm.

This is one of the funniest and most entertaining Christmas concerts you will find.

Grant Windsor will be playing piano, Simon Little is on bass, with Ben Reynolds on drums.

Yorkshire-born Clare Teal is one of the most successful female British jazz singers in decades with a string of albums behind her, including the UK national top 20 hit, Don't Talk.

The show starts at 8pm, doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £29 each. To book and for details, call 0845 6027017.

**PUNKEM'S MIDWINTER REVELS**

December 23, The Brook Theatre, Chatham



A JOYOUS, colourful, and highly entertaining celebration of winter festivities by five great live performers is the perfect way to get in the mood for Christmas.

Visually delightful and musically energising, Punkem's Midwinter Revels is a glorious mix of music, dance, song and pantomime that will appeal to audiences who like their entertainment full of life.

Known to festival-goers and historic music and dance fans throughout the UK and abroad, Paul Saunders has toured hundreds of venues. Joining him in

the revelry are: renowned piper Andy Letcher, Telling The Bees' frontman; Barbara Segal (dance and mime) and Bill Tuck. The latter are both founder members of the highly-regarded 18th century pantomime and musical theatre group Chalemie

They have toured extensively throughout Europe, the Baltic States and Australia and in the early 2000s gave a memorable series of performances each Christmas in the Purcell Room under the title of The Dance & Drone Festival.

For more details, call the Brook Theatre on 01634 338300.

KENT LIFE NATIVITY

Sunday, December 19
Kent Life, Sandling, Maidstone



YOU can experience a living Nativity at Kent Life, when the attraction's farmyard animals will be on display during a journey through the grounds with Nativity scenes recreated.

The staff will be working with Evangelical Church to hold the session, which will include carol singing.

All children are encouraged to dress up and participate in the Nativity. Especially needed are more angels, wise men, farmyard animals and guards.

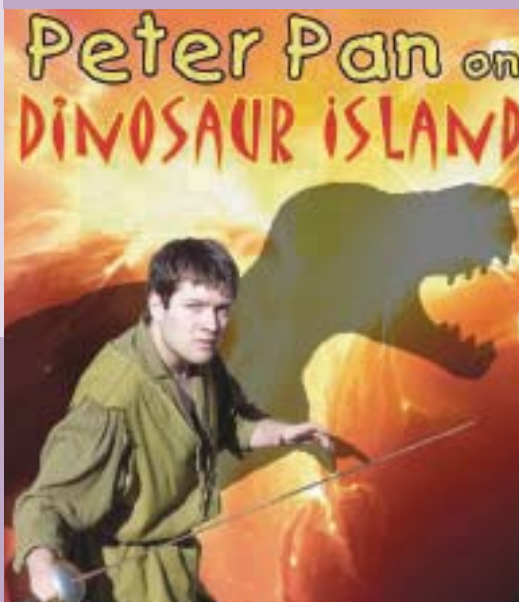
Evangelical Church, in Boxley Road, Maidstone, hosts an annual carol service in their church every year, but the carol service is now so well attended that the church has over-reached capacity.

It means the church and Kent Life have joined hands to stage their first-ever farm Nativity.

For more information about Evangelical Church please visit www.boxleyroadchuch.org.uk

The Nativity sessions are outdoor activities, so wrap up warm and bring a torch. Kent Life is open 10am to 4pm, last admission is 3pm. The Nativity starts at 3pm.

Visit www.kentlife.org.uk for prices and information.

**PETER PAN ON DINOSAUR ISLAND**

December 19, 24, 26 and 29, Kings Theatre, Chatham



THE Spotlites theatre group brings this fantasy adventure to life, to introduce children to live theatre.

It's a pantomime with a difference, as we join the boy who never grows up, Peter Pan, and his nemesis, the dastardly pirate Captain Hook, after they are catapulted back through a time vortex to a prehistoric version of their home, NeverLand.

The pair will resume their epic battle, dodge dinosaurs like T-Rex and veloceraptors, and wonder how they will return to their own time.

The show is designed for children aged from five to 12, and the audience takes an integral part in this immersive interactive experience for children.

This year, the audience will be hunting pirates with the T-Rex, flying with Wendy and the pterodactyl to rescue dino eggs, bombarding Captain Hook with dinosaur droppings and ambushing pirates with real swords.

If it is your birthday, you could meet Peter Pan during the show. To book, call 01634 829468 or visit www.spotlites.co.uk. Tickets cost £6.50 for adults, £5.50 for children or £22 for a family ticket (two adults and two children or one adult and three children).

NATHAN WATSON

Friday, December 17,
Pizza Express, Maidstone



A YOUNG, charismatic soul singer with a sound all of his own, Nathan Watson is a name to look out for.

Described as gifted and funky, he will be singing at Pizza Express, and showcasing the talents that have led to him performing alongside Sir Paul McCartney, Ronnie Wood, Mica Paris and Michael Bolton on the Help a Hero charity record.

Nathan Watson really is one of the most exciting soulful vocal talents in the country.

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The show will include a musical tribute to the late great King of Soul, James Brown.

The talented man is slowly but surely building up a big fan base across the UK.

He started out as a rapper, but his smooth voice led him to singing in the long run.

To learn more about the artist and hear selected tracks, visit www.nathanwatson-music.co.uk

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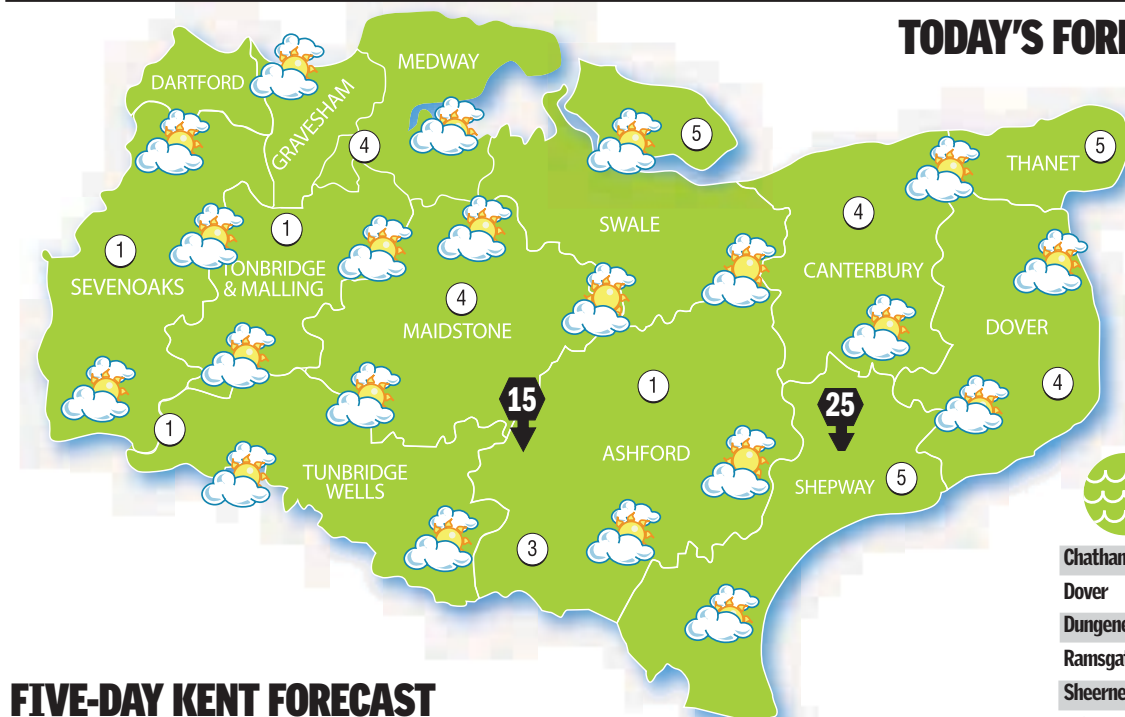
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




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Clever twist between good and evil but film fails to be distinctive

■ BY DAMON SMITH

SUPERMAN wouldn't be quite so super without scheming Lex Luthor, while Batman's cowl and utility belt would gather dust were it not for the maniacal Joker.

Good and evil live side by side, locked in a perpetual tug of war.

Light or dark occasionally triumphs but invariably the balance of power shifts between them.

Directed by Tom McGrath, who previously made *Madagascar* and its sequel, *Megamind* is a fast-paced computer animated adventure that asks if a villain could become a hero when the entire world is pitted against him.

The role reversal taps into a rich vein of humour and screenwriters Alan J Schoolcraft and Brent Simons have fun plundering the conventions of the genre.

They pepper the script with pop culture references, wry one-liners and visual gags like the No You Can't posters which the eponymous villain plasters over the city in a sly dig at Barack Obama's election promises.

There is also an affectionate nod to Marlon Brando's scenery-chewing portrayal of Superman's father Jor-El.

However, in a vintage year for dazzling, family-friendly animation led by *Toy Story 3* and *How To Train Your Dragon*, McGrath's film lacks that special something to distinguish it from the crowd.

Megamind (voiced by Will Ferrell) is separated from his alien parents as a child and crash-lands on Earth, where he grows up in the Metro Prison For The Criminally Gifted.

Surrounded by thieves, murderers and degenerates, he discovers his calling.

"Being bad is the one thing I'm good at!" he giggles, sowing the seeds of a lifelong rivalry with dashing hunk Metro Man (Brad Pitt), who gets all of the applause and the girls, including TV journalist Roxanne Ritchi (Tina Fey).

Miraculously, one of Megamind's elaborate



LIVELY AFFAIR: Megamind (above) battles it out with Metro Man (right) but will victory bring him happiness?

plans comes to fruition and Metro Man is destroyed, allowing the villain and his loyal henchman, Minion (David Cross), to take charge of Metro City.

Unthinkably, the villain develops strong feelings for Roxanne.

"The one thing I do know: the bad guy never gets the girl," Minion reminds him.

"Maybe I don't want to be the bad guy," shockingly replies Megamind.

Perhaps Roxanne's snivelling cameraman (Jonah Hill) could provide a novel solution to the predicament.

Megamind is a lively affair and makes good

use of the 3D technology during the action sequences.

Vocal performances are strong and Ferrell tugs the heartstrings as the lead protagonist, who is tired of striking fear into everyone he meets.

Tom McGrath's film appropriates elements from *Shrek* and *The Incredibles* and produces an entertaining hybrid that should have parents chuckling with glee.

However, with the focus on the unlikely romance and a noticeable absence of cute supporting characters, young audiences may be bored out of their not-so-mega minds.



MEGAMIND
Certificate PG 



FLASHBACK: Ian Hislop looks at the people who changed Victorian Britain in a new BBC history series on Monday nights



YOUR TV REVIEW

THE AGE OF THE DO-GOODERS: BBC2, 9pm, Monday

■ BY ED HILL

NINETEENTH century history can be pretty boring particularly on the domestic front. All I can remember is the endless arguments that surrounded the repeal of the Corn Laws and I've forgotten what they were.

Despite this, Ian Hislop has chosen the leading figures in social change that happened during that time as the focus of his new series.

In *'The Age of the Do-Gooders'* (Monday BBC2 9pm) he puts the spotlight on men and women who looked at Victorian broken Britain and said, "Something must be done" and more importantly, "I am going to do it".

He has chosen men such as William Wilberforce, who successfully campaigned to have slavery abolished in the British Empire. Although his most famous achievement, he was also involved in setting up the RSPCA and other moral crusades.

A reformed lad-about-town himself the programme revealed he had a vision one

night of a decayed and decadent society. Wilberforce vowed to change his ways and expected everyone else to do the same.

In fact satirists like Mr Hislop of the time, painted him as a bit of a spoilsport.

When the country was changing rapidly because of the industrial revolution these busybodies introduced changes that made Britain a modern society with a conscience.

Another revolutionary the programme focused on was Charles Trevelyan who battled to reform the civil service. His new exams meant people were appointed on merit and no longer in politicians' pockets.

In the area of social housing Octavia Hill became a leading figure. She bought up houses to rent to the poor. She was a strict landlady demanding homes be kept clean and were regularly inspected by her followers. She opposed cash hand-outs or anything

that might create a dependency culture but essentially invented the field of social work.

Hislop intersperses the show with chats to commentators such as the Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams.

The series opened with him wearing a tall top hat making him appear like a cross between Bertie Bassett and Penfold from *Dangermouse*.

Although a worthy examination of his subjects' achievements it could have focused more on the character of his idols. The *Private Eye* editor is an interesting presenter but the programme was too full of him talking to camera. I would have liked to have heard more from the Do-Gooders themselves.

However, if you like your history presented in a straightforward manner, this programme gives these pioneers the recognition they deserve. Most of us take for granted their reforms which make life so much better for us today.

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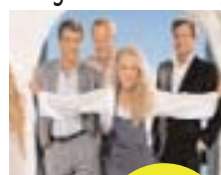
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WARMING: Cocos Lovers are something to look forward to this wintry December

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

GOOD heavens I hate December.

Yes, I know it's the month that brings us Christmas (happy birthday Jesus), the festive spirit and goodwill to all men but, by and large, the four freezing weeks of December are a nightmare.

There's the weather to contend with, for a start.

At the first sign of snow the county grinds to a standstill, with the road and rail networks descending into total chaos.

And while thousands of my fellow stricken commuters take a 'snow day' and go out sledging with their children I'm chained to my wi-fi laptop working from home. Thanks, technology.

Away from the Arctic weather, December brings us the thankless task of buying presents.

I, being a fairly typical man, hate trawling around the shops at any time of the year, but December takes this hellish challenge to another level.

You spend hour upon agonising hour searching for that perfect gift while constantly being slowed down by the 10,000 other frantic left-it-to-the-last-minute shoppers doing the same thing. Internet shopping is not the answer, either. Unless you're happy with a delivery date of 'sometime between December and May 2011'.

However, the month does hold certain charms.

How better to stave off the winter chill than with a good film, a roaring fire, a thick blanket and a bottle of red? Even the most hardened 21st century Scrooges would have difficulty not being tempted.

And more adventurous revellers can look forward to an inspiring carol service or two.

The Farmhouse, Canterbury, is holding its own service on December 19, hosted by Smugglers Records and their favourite artists.

A spokesman said: "Like any good smugglers tavern The Farmhouse will be filled with local ales and ciders, mulled wines and hot spiced cider. Bowls of warming winter stews and pies carried by

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- 4 Ron Bowdery: The Hooray Henries (New Eltham)
- 5 Vivid Nation: What Will Be (from Canterbury)

wenches will keep the fires stoked as The Ladies of the Lake and The Smugglers Singers kick off the evening.

"As evening turns to dusk Sam Airey, Will Varley, The Momeraths, The Turncoat and His Hellfire Orchestra, Tom Farrer & The Pharos and Cocos Lovers will carry us all away on a wave of good food, great beer and music to warm the winter cockles."

December, for its flaws, may just win me over yet.



GRAND RESIDENCE: While living like the aristocracy it's well worth paying a visit to Blenheim Palace, which is open for the festive season

yourgetaways

Find out how the other half live when you move house

■ BY SARAH O'MEARA

ON THE surface, my family's decision to spend a weekend in Eynsham was not too dramatic a change of pace.

Our family home is also in a medieval town represented by a Conservative MP (though not, as in Eynsham's case, David Cameron), near a university city (Cambridge rather than Oxford), and has the odd stately home on its doorstep, although rather smaller than Eynsham's Blenheim Palace.

The reason for our move was the prospect of spending time in a grand period home, rather than our detached, modern house.

On our first day in east Oxfordshire, we tramped through the fields behind Eynsham town, coming across country pile after country pile. But as the temporary owners of a local Georgian townhouse (vivat-trust.org), we felt nothing but neighbourly good cheer for these lucky folk.

And while the sound of military planes roaring overhead from RAF Brize Norton did occasionally threaten to drown out conversation, no level of noise could smother the happy sound of six people talking about their move, albeit temporary, up the social ladder.

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After a few days of general pottering, it was time for a proper group trip. Blenheim Palace, home to the 11th Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and birthplace of Winston Churchill, is a few minutes' drive from Eynsham and has just opened for its festive season.

Built to celebrate the first Duke

of Marlborough's victory at the battle of Blenheim in 1704, the scale of grandeur reflects some of the more racy moments of its social history.

After a day spent dreaming of living lives as unhappy, yet well furnished, aristocrats, we left the estate and headed to the nearby village of Kingston Bagpuize, affectionately called Bagpuiss by locals, in search of the country house restaurant Fallowfields (www.fallowfields.com).

Post-suffocating luxury, it was a pleasure to be welcomed into a more modern environment.

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MOTORS NEWS



VW's coupés given the BlueMotion makeover

EVEN sportier drivers are in the mood to go green – or blue.

That's the message from VW after unveiling environmentally-friendlier BlueMotion Technology Scirocco and Passat CC four-door coupes.

And while early BlueMotion efforts did compromise the driving experience, we won't dispute that keen drivers are unlikely to feel any great loss in that area.

Scirocco BlueMotion prices start from £21,500, while the Passat CC versions start from £23,555, including Stop/Start.



New-look Corsa ready to keep sales growing

VAUXHALL has revamped the Corsa supermini (from £9,995) to maintain the model's position within the UK top five for sales.

With looks gained looks from the Insignia, Astra and Meriva, it highlights Vauxhall's bid to move upmarket, away from a sector likely to become more cut-throat as buyers tighten their belts.

The front end has been radically and stylishly updated and includes the 'Eagle-Eye' headlamps seen on the recently launched Meriva



Ibiza gets a lively boost of junior turbo power

IT WAS a marriage made in motoring heaven – the VW group's lively turbocharged 1.2-litre petrol engine and the Ibiza supermini produced by its sporty Spanish marque, Seat.

The new 1.2 TSI unit is available with five-speed manual gearbox or VW's auto or manual seven-speed DSG box with double clutch, with prices from £12,780.

It engine replaces the similar output 1.6-litre engine, while delivering better performance; a 25 per cent rise in average mpg and a 20 per cent cut in emissions.



WIND-IN-THE-HAIR: Despite first appearances Renault's new-look folding hardtop the Wind, derived from their baby hatchback Twingo, offers an excellent driving experience

Renault blows hot and cold with its new Wind

ROAD TEST RENAULT WIND

BY STEVE LOADER

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Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

surprisingly comfortable and good at handling the bumps and thumps of roads still scarred by the winter of 2009/10.

Even with the roof folded, the boot is large for this class and I can imagine Renault sticking batteries in the back for a future electric Wind – would anyone bet against ads featuring wind turbines?

The cabin is fairly short of stowage though, with minimal door pockets, so the most likely buyer must stash her handbag behind one of the seats if she is carrying a passenger.

And she won't like the exterior door handles either; I have it on good authority that these will play merry hell with the manicure.

Our flagship Collection model had the leather and heated seats pack (£950) and sporty touches such as alloy pedals, leather-clad wheel and gearshift, and a red visor crowning the clocks and gauges in the binnacle.

The quality of the cabin materials generally though is average for a car priced from £15,500, too close to the street cred and extra two seats of the BMW Mini Convertible and the classic two-seater style of the Mazda MX-5 – a proper grown-up roadster, which also has the option of a folding hardtop.



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07 57	Seat Alhambra 2.0 Tdi Reference Est, 7 seats, 6sp, 1 owner, 92,000 mile, FSH, ABS, PAS, RCL, immob, EW, CD, Met Blue	£7,995
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08 08	Ford Focus 1.8 TDCi Style Est, 1 owner, 64,000 miles, FSH, AC, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, EW, CD, Met Grey	£6,695
07 57	Mazda 6 TS 2.0D Est, 6 Spd, 1 Owner, FSH, AC, ABS, PAS, Cruise, RCL, Immob, CD, Alloys, Met Black	£5,495
07 57	Peugeot 307 1.6 HDi 5 Est, 1 Owner, 68,000 miles, FSH, AC, ABS, Cruise, PAS, RCL, Immob, EVW, Fogs, Alloys, Met Red	£5,995
07 07	Ford Focus 1.8 TDCi LX Est, 1 owner, 73,000 miles, FSH, AC, RCL, Immob, E/Htd Mirrors, CD in Tango	£5,995
04 04	Vauxhall Zafira 2.0 Elegance DTi, 7 Seater, 2 Owners, 71,000 miles, FSH, AC, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, ESR, CD, Alloys, Met Burgundy	£4,995
007 07	Vauxhall Astra 1.7 CTDi Club Est, 1 Owner, FSH, AC, Cruise, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, EM, CD, Met Silver	£4,495
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01 51	Volkswagen Golf 2.0 SE Auto Est, 2 Owners, 83,000 miles, FSH, Climate, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, EM, Htd Seats, CD, Met Green	£2,995
02 02	Alfa Romeo 156 1.6 T-Spark Turismo Est, 3 Owners, 63,000 miles, FSH, AC, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, CD, Leather, Alloys, Met Silver	£2,995

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08 08	Volkswagen Passat 2.0 TDi SE 140 BHP, 6sp, 1 Owner, FSH, AC, ABS, PAS, ESP, EW, EDSeat, RCL, Immob, CD, Alloys, Met Grey	£8,995
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01 Y	Subaru Impreza 2.0 WRX Turbo 4dr, 2 Owners, 75,000 miles, SH, AC, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, EVW, CD, Alloys, Silver	£4,995
03 03	Jaguar X-Type 2.5 V6 SE Auto 4dr, 88,000 miles, SH, AC, ABS, PAS, Cruise, RCL, Immob, EVW, CD, Leather, Alloys, Met Gold	£4,495
02 52	Peugeot 206 1.6 Coupe Convertible, 59,000 miles, FSH, AC, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, ER, EVW, CD, Leather, Alloys, Met Blue	£4,295

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08 08	Ford Mondeo 2.0 TDCi Edge 140 BHP, 6sp, 1 owner, 52,000 miles, FSH, AC, ABS, PAS, Cruise, RCL, Immob, EVW, CD, Met Grey	£8,495
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07 57	Vauxhall Astra 1.3 Life CDTi 5dr, 6sp, 1 Owner, 48,000 miles, FSH, AC, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, EVW, CD, Met Black	£5,995
07 07	Ford Mondeo 2.0 LX TDCi 5dr, 1 Owner, 68,000 miles, FSH, AC, ABS, PAS, Cruise, RCL, Immob, EVW, CD, Met Black	£4,995
08 57	Ford Focus 1.8 TDCi Style 5dr, 75k, FSH, A/C, ABS, PAS, R/C/L, Immobiliser, E/W, CD, Met White	£5,995 + vat
03 03	Mini Cooper 1.6 S 3dr, 6sp, FDSH, AC, ABS, PAS, CBC, RCL, Immob, EVW, EM, CD, 1/2 Leather, Alloys, Met Grey	£5,695
07 07	Ford Mondeo 2.0 TDCi LX 5dr, 6sp, 1 Owner, 71,000 miles, FSH, AC, ABS, PAS, Cruise, RCL, Immob, EVW, EM, CD, Met Grey	£5,695
07 57	Mazda 6 TS 2.0D 143 BHP, 1 owner, 96,000 miles, AC, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, EVW, EM, CD, Alloys, Met Silver	£5,495
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07 07	Ford Transit 100 2.4 TDCi T350 LWB, 1 owner, 113k, FSH, ABS, PAS, R/C/L, Immob, CD, Met Silver	£5,995 +vat
07 57	Mercedes Vito 2.2 CDi 109 LWB, 3 seater, 6sp, 1 Owner, 117,000 miles, FSH, ABS, PAS, RCL, Immob, CD, Ply Lined, Twin side loading Drs, White	£6,495 +vat
07 07	Vauxhall Astra 1.9 CDTi Sportive Van, 6sp, 1 owner, 79k, FSH, A/C, ABS, PAS, R/C/L, Immob, EVW, Alloys, Met Silver	£5,495 +vat
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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
09	09	Agila Design CDTi	13D	5	Atlantis blue	9,350	8,995
ASTRA							
Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
06	06	Astra Active Estate	1.6	5	Silver lightening	18,950	5,995
06	56	Astra Active	1.6	5	Ultra blue	37,000	5,995
06	56	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Metro blue	25,000	6,795
08	58	Astra Elite	1.6	5	Star silver	13,775	8,495
09	09	Astra Breeze CDTi	1.7D	5	Silver lightening		10,495
09	59	Astra Sports Twin top	1.8	2	Air blue	3,320	14,995
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10	10	Astra Sport Sports hatch	1.4	3	Power red	2,065	11,995
10	10	New Astra Exclusive	1.6	5	Technical grey	1,790	13,995
10	10	New Astra Exclusive	1.6	5	Black sapphire	2,210	13,995

CORSA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
07	07	Corso Club	1.4	5	Star silver	17,050	6,850
07	07	Corso Life A/c	1.0	3	Flame red	42,500	5,395
07	07	Corso Life A/c	1.0	3	Flame red	44,500	5,395
07	57	Corso Design	1.2	3	Flame red	49,370	6,495
08	08	Corso Design	1.4	5	Silver lightening	14,800	7,695
08	08	Corso Breeze Plus	1.2	3	Silver lightening	16,900	7,495
08	08	Corso Breeze CDTi	1.3	3	Star silver	24,590	7,995
08	58	Corso Club Auto	1.4	5	Star silver	24,060	8,495
09	59	Corso Sxi A/c	1.4	3	Silver lightening	800	9,495
09	59	Corso Active	1.0	3	Flame red	26,900	8,995
09	59	Corso Sxi A/c	1.2	3	Metro blue	5,990	8,995
09	59	Corso Active	1.2	3	Star silver	7,180	8,995
10	59	Corso Active CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	7,750	9,495
10	10	Corso Active CDTi	1.3D	5	Black sapphire	4,925	10,495
10	10	Corso Energy	1.2	3	Black sapphire	2,340	9,995
10	10	Corso Energy	1.2	3	Silver lightening	2,045	8,995
10	10	Corso Energy CDTi	1.2	3	Glacier white	2,800	10,995
10	10	Corso Energy	1.2	5	Metro blue	2,925	9,995
10	10	Corso SE	1.4	5	Beach green	4,740	10,995

INSIGNIA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
10	10	Insignia Exclusive CDTi	2.0	5	Star silver	6,395	15,495
10	10	Insignia Exclusive CDTi	2.0	5	Black sapphire	10,180	14,995

MERIVA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
08	58	Meriva Design X pack	1.8	5	Air blue	7,600	8,795

VECTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
06	56	Vectra Design	1.8	5	Metro blue	33,180	6,695
07	57	Vectra Sri CDTi	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	58,650	7,495

ZAFIRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
09	59	Zafira Active Plus	1.8	5	Ultra blue	5,670	13,495
10	10	Zafira Energy	1.8	5	Sovereign silver	1,570	13,995
10	10	Zafira Sri CDTi X Pack	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	5,225	17,995
10	10	Zafira Energy	1.8	5	Black sapphire	4,325	13,995
10	10	Zafira Life A/c	1.6	5	Ultra blue	4,690	12,995
10	10	Zafira Energy CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	2,390	14,995

ANTARA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
07	07	Antara CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Metro blue	20,000	11,995
08	57	Antara CDTi E Auto	2.0	5	Slate blue	18,100	12,995
09	59	Antara Exclusive CDTi	2.0D	5	Placid grey	2,020	17,995

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
07	07	Corso Design Auto	1.4	3	Black sapphire	23,000	6,495
08	08	Corso Breeze CDTi	1.3	5	Flame red	40,000	6,995
08	08	Corso Design	1.4	5	Star silver	15,500	6,875
06	06	Meriva Design CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	28,000	5,995
07	57	Vectra Design	1.4	5	Star silver	30,500	6,495
07	07	Vectra Active	1.8	5	Star silver	26,000	7,295
06	56	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Star silver	26,800	6,295
07	57	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Metro blue	13,075	6,695
07	57	Astra Elite	1.8	5	Star silver	19,000	7,495
08	08	Astra Breeze	1.4	5	Ultra blue	34,000	7,495
08	08	Astra Sri X Pack	1.8	5	Silver lightening	16,000	8,495
08	08	Astra Sxi	1.4	3	Flame red	15,000	8,995
08	58	Antara SE Auto CDTi	2.0	5	Black sapphire	35,900	15,495

COMMERCIAL

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
10	10	Combo CDTi	1.3	5	White	17,005	7,995
09	59	Vivaro SWB CDTi	2.0D	5	White	Del	£10,995+VAT
10	10	Vivaro LWB	2.0	5	Glacier white	7,350	£11,995+VAT

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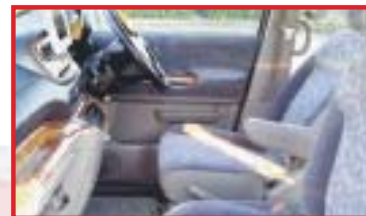
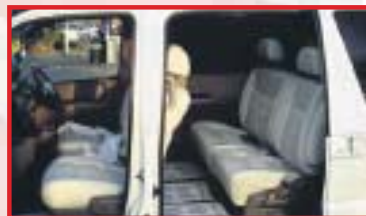
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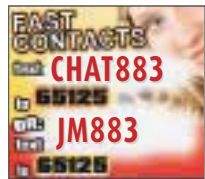
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YOUR LETTERS



REPORT: Last week's page five story

Breastfeeding saves the NHS millions

Encouraging women to breastfeed for longer makes perfect sense for mum, baby and the NHS – so we welcome any move that will support this.

Although breastfeeding rates in Swale have been comparatively low in the past, there has recently been a 12 per cent rise in the number of mums feeding their babies naturally at six weeks, which is excellent news.

Natural feeding gives babies a better chance of fighting off common childhood infections such as coughs, colds, stomach upsets, ear infections and thrush. They are also at lower risk of developing diabetes, asthma, eczema and obesity in later life, and are one-third less at risk of cot death. It's good for mums, too, as breastfeeding reduces the risk of breast and ovarian cancer and results in stronger bones in later life. Ultimately, breastfeeding saves the NHS money. Recent figures estimate a ten per cent rise in national breastfeeding rates could save the health service between £2m and £5m per year.

Not everyone finds breastfeeding easy and many new parents need support and encouragement to get them started. As well as seeing their midwife, families in Kent can talk to a peer supporter, a local mum with breastfeeding experience who has been trained to provide information during pregnancy and beyond. There are many groups where peer supporters meet and your local children's centre can give details of the groups in your area.

Philippa Parrett, PS Breastfeeding

Stacking shelves, or building industry?

So it appears Swale council has decided to allow Morrisons to build a supermarket on the site of the old paper mill. Sittingbourne needs another supermarket like a hole in the head. The town has four already and the thought of a fifth is beyond belief.

Sittingbourne was built on a manufacturing base and the closure of industries has seen the town systematically destroyed. With the extremely poor and expensive rail service London, commuters would

your blogger

Malcolm Triggs is old enough to know better, but believes Facebook is a very good thing



FUNNY thing, Facebook.

As a father I see the wasted teenage time, lament the awful grammar and poor spellings it inspires and despair of many of those jokey 'Like' groups that are only occasionally funny – although I confess to chuckling at "The awkward moment in McDonald's when an emo orders a Happy Meal".

We've all heard the one about the man sitting on his own in the pub with a laptop that 'pings' as a new message arrives. "Yay, I've got 23 friends," he shouts, only to be asked why, in that case, is he sitting on his own.

Too many people post too much drivel (or worse), too many schoolchildren are on Facebook when they should be doing homework, and all of us should have more self-control when it comes to the F word.

But – and here I feel like the new boy at an AA meeting – I love it. "My name is Malcolm, I am 52 and I love Facebook." A weight has just lifted from my shoulders. Now I can start to rebuild my life.

Facebook allows me to see what friends and family have been doing, share pictures, get involved in lengthy debates and have a chuckle at status updates.

All good stuff – but not that important. So try this. Last year I set up a Facebook page dedicated to the aircrew who defended this country in 1940. It is called "Remembering the Few – The 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, 2010" and it now has 11,853 'Fans'.

The page is part of a campaign to raise awareness of the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust, working hard to

raise funds to build an education centre at Capel.

The other week, one of the Fans asked me, as page admin, to reveal who I was because "My dad wants to thank you for setting up this page". When I made contact she told me her father was Charles (Tich) Palliser DFC AE, who flew with 43 and 249 Squadrons in the Battle of Britain.

Now 91 and living in Australia, Tich Palliser, wartime hero, asked his daughter Gill to sign him up to Facebook so he could feel part of the anniversary commemorations for what he and his mates had done.

He was "absolutely thrilled" to find so many people who still cared about the veterans.

This week, Gill posted another message pointing out that she had now (thanks to Facebook) managed to trace the son of Tich's best friend from 249 Squadron. "This is so wonderful for my dad," she told the world.

So, yes, Facebook has its faults, but even if making Tich Palliser feel valued and helping him find the family of one of his long-lost friends is the only good thing it ever does, it will have been worth all the "LOL JKS" in Christendom. But there is, of course, one more thing it can do. It can inspire you, gentle reader, to visit www.battleofbritainmemorial.org and contribute to the appeal that will help future generations continue to remember Tich and his colleagues.

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be well advised to look to somewhere more convenient to live, that is, if they can sell their house.

The outlook for the town, is to say the least, bleak unless some large scale manufacturing company can be persuaded to relocate on some of the derelict land north of the station. Although the poor transport is a good reason not to relocate here.

There is more chance of building a railway on the moon than getting a good rail service in Kent. The road system is equally bad – try getting to the Channel ports or the Tunnel without a great deal of hassle. The Loonies would reopen Sheerness port and have a ferry service to Ostend where road transport could join the European motorway system and rail passengers could join the cheap European rail system.

Sheikh Mihad (aka Jackie Davidson) Official Monster Raving Loony Party, Milton Regis

Message obscured by Ed's glottal stop

I find myself unable to listen to a word Ed Miliband says – not because of the content but because of his totally false way of speaking.

He attempts to adopt the current trend of deliberately dropping the 't' off the end of words and I find myself more intent upon seeking these out than I do listening to what he is saying. It is a deliberate way of speaking as occasionally, he forgets to do it. If it were a genuine



WRIGHT ON: Last week's blogger

speech inflection or impediment it would be more consistent or only used as a point of emphasis. Unless he eliminates this false way of speaking, I for one will never hear his message.

Bob Keen, by email

Cutting EMA lifeline will damage UK plc

In the entire furor about increases in university tuition fees, the abolition of education maintenance allowance (EMA) has got far less coverage, and yet it matters just as much and there are a lot of recipients in Medway.

There are 3,500 students aged 16 to 18 in Medway who get the grant now, but unless the Government changes its mind they will be the last. The money goes to encourage students from less well-off families to stay on in school and college

rather than leave with low-level skills and take whatever job they can get. And it works: MidKent College in Gillingham reckons 60 per cent of their students get and need the EMA.

It is the same in many of our secondary schools where EMA is a serious motivator to students in the last two years of school. Heavens knows how British industry will ever reclaim world status if we can't get youngsters into college to study as bricklayers hairdressers and mechanics. Maybe this Government thinks they should all hitch hike to college or get jobs as bankers.

Derek Munton, by email

Companies working the transfer system

I was pleased the Government has announced plans to reduce by 2015 immigration from non-EU countries to tens of thousands, rather than the hundreds of thousands it was under the previous government.

However, I was disappointed that intra-company transfers were excluded from the immigration cap that Home Secretary Theresa May announced, which is why I asked my question.

The abuse of the intra-company transfer system by some IT companies is a scandal that has been going on for some time and was brought to my notice by a constituent who was himself made

redundant when he was replaced by a foreign worker. My constituent has been unable to find another IT job since.

I was waiting to raise the matter and the Home Secretary's statement was my opportunity. I will continue to press the Government to crack down on companies which abuse the system and ensure British businesses do employ qualified British workers when they are available.

QUESTIONS:

Gordon Henderson

Gordon Henderson MP, Sittingbourne and Sheppey

Transport nightmare is damaging county

How on earth are people who have not had a pay rise in two years going to pay for this scandalous nine per cent increase in rail fares?

Southeastern is a monopoly in terms of providing a rail service to London from Kent and for it to be allowed to get away with daylight robbery is a stain on this Government's already blemished record. Not only has Southeastern been allowed to get away with this, but it has refused to listen to complaints about deteriorating services from customers across Kent. The only consistent reason Southeastern gives is the Department for Transport is responsible for setting the terms of its contract.

Well, if that is the case, why not allow the Government to run these services without the need for a train operating company? If Southeastern is so weak that it refuses to challenge the DfT based on the levels of complaints from customers, what is it there for?

Does Southeastern give the image of a sleek, profitable, racehorse of a company, providing consistently high service? Sadly not.

It is more like a three-legged jackass, constantly badgering the Government for bailout funds caused by a deteriorating service.

I was asked by a work colleague recently about living in Kent and working in London, as they wanted to move their family to Ramsgate.

I urged them to not move here, as the rail services make it impossible to plan any sort of work/life balance. They are now looking at Essex – and good luck to them.

If this pattern continues we shall see Kent property affected in a negative way, which in turn will lead to people moving away for a better commute into London.

I would move, but my family is settled and I will not move my children from the schools they are at. However, I have read about people moving out of Kent due to the rail services.

The Government and Southeastern are blighting this county with a poor reputation as a direct result of the shocking rail services.

John Nicholson, Alliance of Kent Commuters



PROPERTY NEWS

Market is still under pressure as sales fall

HM REVENUE & Customs has revealed a slump in the number of homes sold in October in the UK.

According to its figures, 79,000 homes valued at least £40,000 or more were sold in the month, a fall of 11 per cent on an annual basis.

However, the figure was 1,000 higher than that for September.

The ongoing lack of mortgage availability and economic uncertainty continues to put pressure on the housing market, say analysts.

Recently the British Bankers' Association revealed a further fall in the number of new mortgages approved by the major banks in October.

According to the BBA, the number of new mortgages approved in the month fell to 30,766, down from 31,058 in September – representing the lowest level since March 2009 – when the country was in the midst of its worst recession in decades.

The figures have confounded analysts' expectations of a rise to 31,300 and continue to suggest that the mortgage market will remain subdued over the coming months.

The Council of Mortgage Lenders and the Bank of England have both reported falls in mortgage lending over recent months.

Lack of rentals homes will lead to price hikes

THE average price of renting a home in Britain is "definitely" set to increase in the short term and could continually rise over the next two years, the property website LettingZone has said.

Mark Garner, founder and director of the group, says that many tenants are choosing to stay in their existing homes in a bid to save money. As a result, fewer properties are coming on to the market.

"Rents are definitely on the way up purely because of the lack of supply," he said.

"There are no new properties coming on the market, so supply and demand [means] rent prices will go up. They won't race away, but they will go up a few per cent definitely."

Mr Garner's comments follow a Rightmove report, which found that 41.7 per cent of British tenants expect rental prices to rise in the coming year.

He went on to say that changes to local housing allowance in 2011 could result in further rental price increases, due to the intensifying "pressure" placed on the private rented sector.



Father Christmas puts his house up for sale

■ BY NICK AMES

EVERYONE across the country will be hoping that even though Father Christmas has put his house up for sale, he is still going to make Christmas happen.

One of the country's leading Santas has put his home on the market as the festive season draws close.

Geoff Loynes is the owner of Cross Cottage in Bilsington, near Ashford.

He has had an interesting career before that, too – working as an animator on some of the world's best-known cartoons.

Over 50 years, Geoff worked on *Yellow Submarine*, *Watership Down*, *The Wind In The Willows*, the BBC's *Beatrix Potter* series and *When The Wind Blows*.

During his career he met Walt Disney after his father worked at Disney's UK studios, The Beatles and the Jacksons, having worked on *The Jackson 5* series.

He also has a wide experience of extras work in the film industry, having been involved with *Mr Bean*, *Harry Enfield*, *Silent Witness*, *The Bill* and *EastEnders*.

But his other festive career began when wife Daphne volunteered him many years ago to do a local Father Christmas gig for the play-school in Woodchurch.

Ever since, Geoff has done hundreds of Father Christmas bookings and is one of the UK's top Father Christmases.

He has been the man in the red suit at Jose Carreras's birthday party, the official Santa for the Comet Christmas TV campaign – including having his lifesize cut-out appear in all their stores. The Loynes had one in their bedroom for years until Daphne put her foot down.

Geoff has also made numerous other appearances, such as being the regular Santa for the



FOR SALE: Geoff Loynes, one of the country's leading Santas, is selling his cottage home in Bilsington near Ashford

lights-switch-on party for Marylebone high street in London.

The Loynes lent their creative and artistic flair to the refurbishment of a former estate cottage in Bilsington.

There is an array of reclaimed architectural salvage, from carved fretwork and beautiful stained glass to elaborate cast-iron sanitary

ware and old enamel signs.

Many of these old things will be remaining with the cottage once it is sold.

One of the bedrooms, currently used as a study, contains lots of cartoon and film paraphernalia, too, including some of Geoff's original artworks.

"It's just time to move on," said Geoff.

Charity slams Government housing reform

HOUSING minister Grant Shapps has announced plans for "the most radical reform of social housing in a generation".

Once the changes come into practice, councils will be given decision-making powers over tenancy arrangements. The length of a tenancy will be individually determined, with a minimum duration of two years, in contrast to the lifetime tenancies currently given to all tenants.

Mr Shapps argues that this will free up social-housing space for those who really need it and reduce waiting lists.

However, this has been criticised by Campbell Robb, chief executive of housing and

homelessness charity Shelter, who said: "Very few people go from homeless to self-sufficient within two years."

"The proposal for a minimum of this period shows the Government's naivety in how quickly people are able to get back on their feet."

While the Government is investing £400 million in preventing homelessness, as of April 2011, some new tenants will be faced with rents of up to 80 per cent of the value of local market rents. This will not affect existing social-housing tenants.

The mobility of social-housing tenants is also a key area of focus for Mr Shapps, who is imple-

menting a new National Home Swap Scheme.

He is also scrapping the Tenant Services Authority in favour of a new system of tenant panels, which landlords will be expected to support. The plans represent an attempt to end what Mr Shapps referred to as a "lazy consensus" in social housing, which has seen the number of people on housing waiting lists almost double in 13 years to five million.

"The Government's response to our affordable-housing crisis has seen the poorest and most vulnerable in society penalised again and again in what begins to feel like a deliberate attack."

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Coach warns club could be down for count without sponsor



STILL PUNCHING: But times are hard for Faversham ABC

SOME of Britain's top young fighters may be forced to walk away from Faversham Amateur Boxing Club unless a new sponsor comes forward in the next few months.

Under the guidance of head coach Gary Spring, Faversham have produced two national champions in as many years and there appear to be even brighter prospects bursting through.

However, Spring and fellow coach Frank Lee are funding the club from their own wallets and the club will struggle to keep its head above water without fresh financial backing.

BOXING

Spring said: "We're on the right track with the club but we're getting no help and our biggest fear is losing boys to clubs with more money and better facilities. We're bringing boys off the street and training them to national level and then losing them."

"We've been struggling for sponsorship for the last two years so it's pretty much the two of us running the club. The future is uncertain because when the boys box else-

where, we have to start thinking about hiring a minibus and fuel costs. That's when the club makes a loss and we, as coaches, have to cover it out of our own pocket."

James Lee boxed his way to a national title earlier this year and Faversham can boast fighters ranked first, third and fourth in England. Teams from Ireland and Scotland have offered to compete at Faversham shows, but with the home club picking up accommodation and travel costs, the opportunities look set to pass them by.

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FOOTBALL



SNOW GO AREA: Woodstock Park last week

Norton's bid to light up Woodstock Park

NORTON Sports are looking to rubber-stamp their move to Woodstock Park by applying for the funding needed to install floodlights at the Sittingbourne ground.

Since completing their groundshare agreement with Herne Bay in September, Norton have experienced mixed fortunes at their new home, but the transition appears to have been a smooth one.

"There have been some changes to the ground and the big thing is the floodlights," said chairman Colin Page. "We're pretty much in a position to get the funding application in for that and once that's agreed, we'll get the work done. The application will take between four and eight weeks and we're working to a deadline of March 31 with the FA."

Norton's results have been mixed since moving to Woodstock, with a 3-0 win over Sevenoaks Town followed by league defeats to Beckenham Town and Lordswood and a cup victory against Erith Town.

Off the field, attendances have ranged from 67 to 132 and Page said the club, while still a work in progress, was moving firmly in the right direction.

He said: "We've had some good days and a couple of quieter days, but it's largely been the level we were hoping for. We understand it's fickle and it depends who else is playing at home."

"We're still finding our feet and getting ourselves established here. We've played better football this season than the last couple of years and two more wins would have put us comfortably in mid-table."

This weekend sees Norton play for the first time in three weeks as they host Corinthian in a rearranged Kent League fixture. Kick-off at Woodstock is 2pm.

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CONFIDENT: Justin Luchford is urging his players to finish the year on a year and says even though players like Dave Botterill face a difficult run, the Lilywhites are the in-form team



Pictures: GOR KUPCO

Lilywhites' tough schedule holds no fear for Luchford

FAVERSHAM Town manager Justin Luchford insists his side have nothing to fear as they prepare to face three sides sitting above them in Ryman South.

Having gone almost three weeks without a game since drawing at Dulwich Hamlet, the Lilywhites are desperate not to lose the momentum generated by a seven-game unbeaten run.

Saturday's opponents, Godalming Town, sit two places above Town and Luchford must then take his side to play-off hopefuls Burgess Hill and Sittingbourne before the New Year.

However, a goalless draw with Ryman South leaders Leatherhead has instilled genuine belief in the Faversham squad, and Luchford said his players are raring to go after the snow-enforced lay-off.

He said: "They are three games against

FOOTBALL

■ BY STEVE TERTVET

teams above us, but we wanted to see how far away we were from the leaders and we're not that far off. They're three tough fixtures but we're the form team.

"What a year 2010 has been, so let's finish it off with a positive result. It won't be a game for the purists, although it never is according to some supporters, but we know what we need to do."

"I don't think [the break] will affect us too much. The only thing is that we were disappointed not to keep playing because we're doing all right, but we'll make sure we're ready come Saturday."

Goalkeeper Rob French remains doubtful as he recovers from injury, so Simon Overland should continue to deputise, but Luchford has

an otherwise fully-fit squad at his disposal.

While the immediate focus is on Godalming's visit this weekend, the Town boss admitted he is already casting one eye towards the derby at Sittingbourne on December 27.

Luchford said: "We played them in the cup and I sent my reserves up there, so we've had a look at them and we'll look at them again. We're looking forward to it and we'd like to put one over them, but it won't be easy."

"They've made no secret of the fact they want the play-offs and they're up there in the top-six. [Sittingbourne manager] Gary Abbott made a bit of a thing about [Matt] Bourne coming to us and it does add extra spice, but for Bourne, it's just another game."

As their last scheduled home fixture of the year, Faversham are admitting all children free of charge for the Godalming game, with mulled wine and mince pies laid on for all supporters as the Lilywhites look to attract a bumper crowd.

Bourne forwards urged to strike up bid for play-offs

FOOTBALL

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SITTINGBOURNE manager Gary Abbott has challenged his strikers to raise their game and fire the Brickies into a play-off position once the snow allows a return to action.

Tom Bradbrook has 11 goals to his name already, but his attacking colleagues have misfired so far as Bourne have struggled to match the goal-scoring form of their promotion rivals.

Having only found the net twice this term, Hicham Akhazzan has dropped well short of the standards he set last season and Abbott admitted he is puzzled by the forward's dip in form.

He said: "Tom's been excellent as well but Hicham's been off it a bit and I don't know what's happening because he's had so many chances. Last year, he had about 14 or 15 goals [by this point] and Ryan Golding's chipped in with a few, but we still need someone to help Tom out.

"It's just hard at the moment, we haven't scored enough goals but we're still up there and I'm happy with what I've got.

"I've got to say, though, the back-four

have been solid. With Nick Reeves, you know what you're going to get, he's been magnificent, even having to play with different players at centre-half. Paul Semakula has been brilliant every game, he's been a real plus for us and he works so hard in midfield."

The Brickies were frustrated by the wintry conditions again on Saturday as their game at Walton Casuals was postponed and Abbott is hoping his players have kept up their fitness levels ahead of this weekend's trip to Horsham YMCA, who sit bottom of Ryman South.

Outdoor training was cancelled last week although the Brickies did meet for a gym session on Monday and Abbott has a fully-fit squad to pick from.

"Since the snow came, we couldn't do anything," he said. "It's just about trusting people to do bits in the gym and have a blow but I know it's difficult for everyone.

"We're just looking forward to Horsham now and we don't want what happened last year, when we ended up with three or four games a week. We need to get points on the table, Horsham are down the bottom, but they're still scoring goals and those are the hardest games for us."

Sittingbourne travel to Sussex having won four and lost four on the road this season, while Horsham have not kept a clean sheet in 12 attempts and were thrashed 11-0 by Leatherhead at the start of October.



BACK-UP: Tom Bradbrook, who needs more support in attack, with manager Gary Abbott

LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Leatherhead	18	12	4	2	46	40
2 Metropolitan Police	14	11	3	0	40	36
3 Whitehawk	18	9	6	3	+19	33
4 Bognor Regis Town	14	10	2	2	+19	32
5 Burgess Hill Town	18	9	5	4	+8	32
6 Sittingbourne	18	8	4	6	+5	28
7 Walton Casuals	18	7	5	6	+1	26
8 Godalming Town	17	8	2	7	-13	26
9 Mersham	18	6	7	5	-1	25
10 Faversham Town	18	6	6	6	-1	24
11 Worthing	16	6	5	5	+11	23
12 Ramsgate	20	6	5	9	-4	23
13 Chipstead	18	6	5	7	-5	23
14 Eastbourne Town	19	5	7	7	-4	22
15 Dulwich Hamlet	17	6	3	8	0	21
16 Fleet Town	15	6	3	6	-4	21
17 Chatham Town	18	6	3	9	-9	21
18 Walton & Hersham	17	5	3	9	-6	18
19 Whyteleafe	18	5	3	10	-12	18
20 Corinthian-Casuals	18	4	3	11	-12	15
21 Whitstable Town	17	2	5	10	-13	11
22 Horsham YMCA	18	3	1	14	-41	10

KENT LEAGUE

1 Herne Bay	13	7	5	1	10	26
2 VCD Athletic	11	7	3	1	7	24
3 Beckenham Town	11	7	2	2	9	23
4 Erith Town	13	6	4	3	8	22
5 Greenwich Borough	11	7	0	4	17	21
6 Hythe Town	9	6	1	2	10	19
7 Sevenoaks Town	12	5	1	6	-3	16
8 Deal Town	12	5	1	6	-7	16
9 Tunbridge Wells	9	4	3	2	9	15
10 Norton Sports	11	2	6	3	-1	12
11 Fisher	11	3	2	6	-6	11
12 Corinthian	11	3	2	6	-8	11
13 Erith & Belvedere	8	3	1	4	-2	10
14 Holmesdale	13	2	4	7	-8	10
15 Lordswood	11	2	2	7	-7	8
16 Sporting Bengal	12	1	1	10	-27	4

FIXTURES (Saturday): Ryman Division One South: **Faversham Town** v Godalming Town; **Horsham YMCA** v **Sittingbourne**
Kent League Premier Division: **Norton Sports** v Corinthian (Kick-off 2pm)



MAKING PROGRESS: Bordenians men have recovered well from last season in Kent/Sussex Division Two

New era at Bordenians going well, says Wilson

HOCKEY

FRESH young players and a top-level coach have sparked all-round improvement at Old Bordenians Hockey Club with the season approaching its halfway point.

Both the men's and ladies' sections have improved since last season and club chairman Alan Wilson is confident the best is yet to come.

Bordenians ladies have put themselves firmly in contention for the Kent Premier Division title while the men look to have recovered from a disappointing campaign in Kent/Sussex Division Two last term.

"I think, on the whole, we're very pleased," Wilson said. "The women's team had a target of finishing in the top-three and at the

moment, they're very much on track. The men are mid-table, they finished lower than that last year and their target is to break into the top-half. I think we're aiming to be higher than we are now and I'm reasonably confident we'll do that."

Having left the club for university three years ago, Jason Waitt is now back as coach for the men's section having gained top-level experience and international honours during his time away.

Wilson said: "We've brought on a couple of younger players from the second-team and we've also got a new coach, Jason Waitt, who's a former player and is the England under-21 goalkeeper. He's doing an excellent job for us because he's experienced at the top level and he knows the squad very well."

RUGBY



SNOW GO: Sheppey (in white) called off league game

Islanders' coach wary of punishment after match is abandoned

SHEPPEY Rugby Club must wait until the middle of January to learn if they will face disciplinary action for the abandonment of their Kent 1 clash with Lordswood.

The Islanders were due to discover their fate last week but a hearing into the case was postponed because of the thick snow and coach Pete Olliver admits he is nervous about the possible punishment.

Lordswood topped the table prior to the game on October 23, but Sheppey led 16-0 when fighting broke out and forced the referee to call a premature end to proceedings.

Olliver said: "We're hearing stories about other clubs getting docked points and it's a bit worrying, so we'd rather it be out of the way. They were top of the league before that game so I think it made us realise we are a good team."

The wintry weather wiped out the entire regional rugby programme at the weekend, with Sheppey's trip to Old Olavians among the games called off.

Olliver's side have won their last five league games and he has been left to hope the disruption caused by the snow and ice will not halt their growing momentum.

"We couldn't train all last week and it was all a bit stop-start," he said. "All we could do was email and text, trying to keep in touch with everyone. It can be a worry but we had a couple of injuries so now those people come back in and I've got a full squad."

Among those returning to the Sheppey squad is Graham Kelly, who has shrugged off a hamstring injury, while Dylan Davies will feature after coming back from holiday.

Local rivals Sittingbourne still top the table and they travel to Ashford on Saturday, with the Swale derby taking place at The Grove a week later.

Sheppey should make most of league return

FOOTBALL

SHEPPEY United return to County League action this weekend with a home game against a Kennington side who sit bottom of Division One East.

The visitors make the journey with just one point to their name all season but United, only three places above them, are also desperate for a result.

Elsewhere, Milton & Fulston United are in Kent Senior Trophy action as they host Bearsted, while there is also a home tie for Sheerness East, who take on Rusthall.

Swale United make the trip to Chipstead, while there is a free weekend for Borden Village, who remain second-bottom in Division Two East.



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